

What is claimed is:

1. A system for providing a plurality of participants with the ability to effect choices about care of said participants, said choices determined by
5 said participants, said system comprising:
a service component for receiving, storing, and transmitting information, wherein:
said service component comprises at least one information set, each of said at least one
10 information set corresponding to one of said plurality of participants; and
said information set comprises end-of-life information chosen by said participant, said end-of-life information having a type selected
15 from the group consisting of raw data and an election.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein said information set further comprises administrative information.
3. The system of claim 2 wherein said administrative information is selected from the group consisting of:
- 5 a. privacy information;
b. security information;
c. a participant identification parameter;
d. a unique identification parameter;
10 e. a link to another participant;
f. payment account information;

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- g. a customer service note; and
- h. event log information.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a
5 copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a
summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one
medication;
- 10 d. a designation of at least one
allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one
health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one
15 person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one
physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- 20 j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a
physician concerning medical care associated with an
end-of-life condition;
- 25 m. an authorization to donate an
organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information; and

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30 q. a portion of an item selected
from the group consisting of a through p, above.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein, when said
end-of-life information is medical information, said
medical information corresponds to said participant and
is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. at least a portion of a
medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a
laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a
medical image.

6. The system of claim 4 wherein, when said
end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said
end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group
consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

7. The system of claim 4 wherein, when said
end-of-life information is an advance directive, said
advance directive is an advance directive selected from
the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;

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- c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;
- 10 treatment;
- d. a selection of medical
- e. a refusal of medical treatment.

8. The system of claim 4 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

9. The system of claim 4 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement jurisdiction.

5 10. The system of claim 1 further comprising an information input interface wherein said end-of-life information is conveyed from an input user to said service component via said information input interface.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein said input user is said participant.

12. The system of claim 10 wherein said input user is an agent of said participant.

13. The system of claim 10 wherein said information input interface conveys a hardcopy form.

14. The system of claim 10 wherein said information input interface conveys an electronic form.

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15. The system of claim 10 wherein said
input information input interface conveys an electronic
5 data stream.

16. The system of claim 10 wherein said
information input interface conveys said end-of-life
information from a device selected from the group
consisting of:

- 5 a. a stationary telephone;
- b. a portable telephone;
- c. a cellular telephone;
- d. a mobile telephone;
- e. the Internet;
- 10 f. a personal computer;
- g. a facsimile machine;
- h. a smart card;
- i. a personal data assistant
- j. a handheld computer;
- 15 k. a computer-to-computer link;
- l. a modem;
- m. a wireless transceiver; and
- n. voicemail.

17. The system of claim 1 wherein said
20 service component comprises an information product
producer, said information product producer using said
end-of-life information to produce an information
product.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein said
information product is selected from the group
consisting of:

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- 5 copy of an original document;
- 10 a. an authorization to rely on a
b. an authorization to rely on a
summary of an original document;
c. a designation of at least one
medication;
d. a designation of at least one
allergy;
e. a designation of at least one
health condition;
f. a designation of at least one
15 person to be contacted in case of emergency.
g. a designation of at least one
physician;
h. emergency health information;
i. an end-of-life choice;
20 j. an advance directive;
k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
l. a document signed by a
physician concerning medical care associated with an
end-of-life condition;
25 m. an authorization to donate an
organ;
n. output recipient information;
o. enforcement information;
p. medical information;
30 q. a summary of an information
product selected from the group consisting of a through
p, above;
r. a copy of an information
product selected from the group consisting of a through
35 q, above; and

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s. a report concerning at least
one of said at least one information set.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is medical information,
said medical information corresponds to said
participant and is selected from the group consisting
5 of:

- a. at least a portion of a
medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a
laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a
medical image.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice,
said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the
group consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

21. The system of claim 18 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an advance directive,
said advance directive is an advance directive selected
from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;

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- condition response;
- 10 treatment;
- treatment.
- c. a selection of an end-of-life
 - c. a selection of medical
 - d. a refusal of medical

22. The system of claim 18 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

23. The system of claim 18 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement

5 jurisdiction.

24. The system of claim 17 wherein:

- said information product has at least one prospective output recipient;
- each of said at least one
- 5 prospective output recipient has a primary language;
- said information product has an information product language; and
- said information product language substantially corresponds to said primary language.

25. The system of claim 24 wherein said information product language is selected by an input user.

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26. The system of claim 24 wherein said information product language is selected by an output user.

27. The system of claim 17 wherein:
said information product has a
primary prospective enforcement jurisdiction; and
said information product comprises
5 a prospective enforcement parameter, said prospective enforcement parameter substantially corresponding to said primary prospective enforcement jurisdiction.

28. The system of claim 27 wherein said primary prospective enforcement jurisdiction is selected by an input user.

29. The system of claim 27 wherein said primary prospective enforcement jurisdiction is selected by an output user.

30. The system of claim 17 further
5 comprising an information output interface wherein said information product is conveyed from said service component to an output user via said information output interface.

31. The system of claim 30 wherein said information output interface conveys said information product from said service component to an output user using a device selected from the group consisting of:
5 a. a stationary telephone;
b. a portable telephone;
c. a cellular telephone;

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- d. a mobile telephone;
 - e. the Internet;
 - f. a personal computer;
 - g. a facsimile machine;
 - h. a smart card;
 - i. a personal data assistant
 - j. a handheld computer;
 - k. a computer-to-computer link;
 - l. a modem;
 - m. a wireless transceiver; and
 - n. voicemail.

32. The system of claim 30 wherein said information product is a document.

33. The system of claim 30 wherein said information product is an electronic document.

34. The system of claim 30 wherein said information product is an electronic data stream.

35. The system of claim 30 wherein said information product is an optical data stream.

36. The system of claim 30 wherein said information product is an electromagnetic data stream.

37. The system of claim 1 wherein said service component further comprises an information input guide for providing guidance information to an input user to increase the effectiveness of an information product to be produced by said information product producer.

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38. The system of claim 37 wherein said guidance information comprises a description of a plan for care associated with an end-of-life condition.

39. The system of claim 37 wherein said guidance information comprises a suggested designation of a key person.

40. The system of claim 39 wherein said key person is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a family member of said participant;
- b. a friend of said participant;
- c. a professional counselor of said participant;
- d. a physician;
- e. a lawyer; and
- f. a spiritual adviser.

41. The system of claim 39 wherein said guidance information comprises end-of-life planning information for said key person.

42. The system of claim 38 wherein said guidance information further comprises a suggested designation of a key institution.

43. The system of claim 42 wherein said key institution is selected from the group consisting of:

- an emergency facility;
- a hospital;
- a nursing home;

a retirement home;
a hospice;
a long-term care facility; and
a health care facility.

44. The system of claim 42 wherein said guidance information comprises end-of-life planning information for said key institution.

45. The system of claim 37 wherein said service component provides an input form to said user for subsequent submission to said service component.

46. The system of claim 45 wherein said input form is selected from the group consisting of an executable document and an election form.

47. The system of claim 37 wherein said guidance information comprises a designation of at least one end-of-life condition.

48. The system of claim 47 wherein said end-of-life condition is a medical condition.

49. The system of claim 47 wherein said end-of-life condition is an emergency condition.

50. The system of claim 37 wherein said guidance information comprises a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response.

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51. The system of claim 47 wherein at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition response is a medical treatment.

52. The system of claim 37 wherein said guidance information comprises:

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and

5 a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response; wherein said input user can elect at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

53. The system of claim 52 wherein said guidance information further comprises a designation of at least one combination of an end-of-life condition and at least one end-of-life condition response.

54. The system of claim 53 wherein said at least one combination comprises a designation of at least 56 combinations of at least one end-of-life condition and at least one end-of-life condition
5 response.

55. The system of claim 37 wherein:
said information input guide
provides guidance information to said input user; and
said information input guide
5 receives said end-of-life information from said participant.

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56. The system of claim 55 wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one medication;
- 10 d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- 15 f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- i. an end-of-life choice;
- 20 j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
- 25 m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- p. medical information; and
- 30 q. a portion of an item selected from the group consisting of a through p, above.

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57. The system of claim 56 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is medical information,
said medical information corresponds to said
participant and is selected from the group consisting
5 of:

- a. at least a portion of a
medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a
laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a
medical image.

58. The system of claim 56 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice,
said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the
group consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

59. The system of claim 56 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an advance directive,
said advance directive is an advance directive selected
from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life
condition response;

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- 10 treatment;
- d. a selection of medical
 - e. a refusal of medical
- treatment.

60. The system of claim 56 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

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5 61. The system of claim 56 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement jurisdiction.

62. The system of claim 1 wherein said service component further comprises an information storage registry, said information storage registry storing said at least one information set.

63. The system of claim 62 wherein said information set further comprises administrative information.

64. The system of claim 63 wherein said administrative information is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5
- a. privacy information;
 - b. security information;
 - c. a participant identification
- parameter;

- parameter;
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- d. a unique identification
 - e. a link to another participant;
 - f. payment account information;
 - g. a customer service note; and
 - h. event log information.

65. The system of claim 62 wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5
- a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
 - b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
 - c. a designation of at least one medication;
 - 10 d. a designation of at least one allergy;
 - e. a designation of at least one health condition;
 - f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
 - 15 g. a designation of at least one physician;
 - h. emergency health information.
 - i. an end-of-life choice;
 - 20 j. an advance directive;
 - k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
 - l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
 - 25 m. an authorization to donate an organ;

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- n. output recipient information;
 - o. enforcement information;
 - p. medical information; and
 - q. a portion of an item selected
- from the group consisting of a through p, above.

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5 66. The system of claim 65 wherein, when said end-of-life information is medical information, said medical information corresponds to said participant and is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. at least a portion of a medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a medical image.

67. The system of claim 65 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- 5
- a. a palliative care choice;
 - b. a comfort care choice;
 - c. a residence choice;
 - d. a religious choice;
 - e. a spiritual choice;
 - 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
 - g. a non-medical choice.

68. The system of claim 65 wherein, when said end-of-life information is an advance directive,

said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
 b. a medical power of attorney;
 c. a selection of an end-of-life
condition response;
 c. a selection of medical
10 treatment;
 d. a refusal of medical
treatment.

69. The system of claim 65 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

70. The system of claim 65 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement
5 jurisdiction.

71. The system of claim 62 wherein said end-of-life information has a format and said format is standard.

72. The system of claim 62 wherein said end-of-life information has a format and said format is non-standard.

73. The system of claim 62 wherein said information set comprises information in an electronically readable format.

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74. The system of claim 62 wherein said information set comprises information in an optically readable format.

5 75. The system of claim 1 wherein said service component further comprises an interface for accessing reference information.

76. The system of claim 75 wherein said reference information is an electronic medical record.

77. The system of claim 75 wherein said reference information is guideline information.

78. The system of claim 77 wherein said guideline information is a medical protocol.

79. The system of claim 77 wherein said guideline information is information from a physician's practice management program.

80. The system of claim 1 wherein said service component further comprises an interface for accessing a tool for an analysis of said at least one information set.

81. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is a measurement of an outcome for a treatment.

82. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is a prediction of an outcome for a treatment.

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83. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is a comparison between a first treatment and a second treatment.

84. The system of claim 80 wherein said first treatment was received by said participant and said second treatment was desired by said participant.

85. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is a comparison between a first organ and a second organ.

86. The system of claim 85 wherein said first organ was intended to be donated to said participant and said second organ was actually donated to said participant.

87. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of drug interactions.

88. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of a relationship between at least one first illness and at least one second illness.

89. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of a relationship between at least one first injury and at least one second injury.

90. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of a relationship between at least one illness and at least one injury.

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91. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is for medical research.

92. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of a choice concerning end-of-life information, said choice made by said participant.

93. The system of claim 80 wherein said analysis is an analysis of a situation in which an end-of-life information product is employed.

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94. The system of claim 1 wherein said
5 service component comprises an information product request processor, said information product request processor receiving a request for a first information product from an output user, said first information product corresponding to said participant, and
10 transmitting said first information product to an output recipient in response to said request.

95. The system of claim 94 wherein said first information product is selected from the group consisting of:

- a. an authorization to rely on a
5 copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one
medication;
- 10 d. a designation of at least one allergy;

- health condition;
- 15 person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- physician;
- 20
- 25 organ;
- 30 product selected from the group consisting of a through p above;
- 35 q, above; and
- one of said at least one information set.
- e. a designation of at least one
 - f. a designation of at least one
 - g. a designation of at least one
 - h. emergency health information;
 - i. an end-of-life choice;
 - j. an advance directive;
 - k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
 - l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;
 - m. an authorization to donate an
 - n. output recipient information;;
 - o. enforcement information;
 - p. medical information;
 - q. a summary of an information
 - r. a copy of an information
 - s. a report concerning at least

96. The system of claim 95 wherein, when said end-of-life information is medical information, said medical information corresponds to said participant and is selected from the group consisting

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- medical record;
- a. at least a portion of a
- b. at least a portion of a
- laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a
- medical image.

97. The system of claim 95 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice,
said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the
group consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

98. The system of claim 95 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an advance directive,
said advance directive is an advance directive selected
from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life
- condition response;
- c. a selection of medical
- 10 treatment;
- d. a refusal of medical
- treatment.

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99. The system of claim 95 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

100. The system of claim 95 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement
5 jurisdiction.

101. The system of claim 94 wherein said output recipient is selected from the group consisting of:

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- a. said output user;
 - b. a key person;
 - c. a medical services provider;
 - d. an agent of a key institution;
- and
- e. an individual invested with
- 10 medical power of attorney by said participant.

102. The system of claim 94 wherein said information product request processor transmits said first information product in response to said request only when said output user is an authorized output
5 user.

103. The system of claim 94 wherein:
said information product request processor transmits at least one additional information product to a corresponding one of at least one
5 additional output recipient; and

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each of said at least one
additional information product is selected from the
group:

- 10 a. an authorization to rely on a
copy of an original document;
b. an authorization to rely on a
summary of an original document;
c. a designation of at least one
medication;
15 d. a designation of at least one
allergy;
e. a designation of at least one
health condition;
20 f. a designation of at least one
person to be contacted in case of emergency.
g. a designation of at least one
physician;
h. emergency health information;
i. an end-of-life choice;
25 j. an advance directive;
k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
l. a document signed by a
physician concerning medical care associated with an
end-of-life condition;
30 m. an authorization to donate an
organ;
n. output recipient information;
o. enforcement information;
p. medical information;
35 q. a summary of an information
product selected from the group consisting of a through
p, above;

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40 r. a copy of an information
product selected from the group consisting of a through
q, above; and

s. a report concerning at least
one of said at least one information set.

5 104. The system of claim 103 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is medical information,
said medical information corresponds to said
participant and is selected from the group consisting
of:

- 10 a. at least a portion of a
medical record;
b. at least a portion of a
laboratory report; and
c. at least a portion of a
medical image.

105. The system of claim 103 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an end-of-life choice,
said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the
group consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
b. a comfort care choice;
c. a residence choice;
d. a religious choice;
e. a spiritual choice;
10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
g. a non-medical choice.

106. The system of claim 103 wherein, when
said end-of-life information is an advance directive,

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said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a living will;
 b. a medical power of attorney;
 c. a selection of an end-of-life
condition response;
 c. a selection of medical
10 treatment;
 d. a refusal of medical
treatment.

107. The system of claim 103 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one primary language.

108. The system of claim 103 wherein, when said end-of-life information is enforcement information, said enforcement information comprises a designation of at least one prospective enforcement
5 jurisdiction.

109. The system of claim 103 wherein at least one of said at least one of said additional output recipients is specified by an input user.

110. The system of claim 103 wherein at least one of said at least one additional information product is specified by an input user.

111. The system of claim 110 wherein each of said at least one additional information products is designated by said input user for conveyance to a

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corresponding one of said at least one additional
5 output recipient.

112. The system of claim 110 wherein said
input user is said participant.

113. The system of claim 110 wherein said
input user is an authorized agent of said participant.

114. An apparatus for providing a plurality
of participants with the ability to effect choices
5 about care of said participants, said choices
determined by said participants, said apparatus
comprising:

memory equipment, said memory equipment
storing at least one information set corresponding to
10 each of said plurality of participants, said
information set comprising end-of-life information
chosen by said participant.

115. The apparatus of claim 114 further
comprising:

15 input equipment, said input equipment
allowing a user corresponding to said participant to
input end-of-life information, said end-of-life
information chosen from the group consisting of raw
data and an election; and

20 output equipment, said output equipment
enabling an output user to request an information
product, said output product produced from said end-of-
life information.

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116. A method for enabling a plurality of participants to effect choices about care of said participants, said method comprising:

5 enabling said user to choose end-of-life information; and
using said end-of-life information, producing at least one end-of-life information product.

117. The method of claim 116 wherein said enabling comprises enabling said user to select said end-of-life information from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
c. a designation of at least one medication;
10 d. a designation of at least one allergy;
e. a designation of at least one health condition;
f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;
15 g. a designation of at least one physician;
h. emergency health information;
i. an end-of-life choice;
20 j. an advance directive;
k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;

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- 25 organ;
- m. an authorization to donate an
 - n. output recipient information;
 - o. enforcement information;
 - p. medical information; and
 - 30 q. a portion of an item selected
- from the group consisting of a through p, above; and
using said end-of-life information,
producing at least one end-of-life information product.

118. The method of claim 117 wherein, when
said enabling enables said user to choose medical
information, said enabling enables said user to choose
medical information selected from the group consisting
5 of:

- a. at least a portion of a
medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a
laboratory report; and
- 10 c. at least a portion of a
medical image.

119. The method of claim 117 wherein, when
said enabling enables said user to choose an end-of-
life choice, said enabling enables said user to make a
choice selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- 10 f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

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120. The method of claim 119 further comprising storing said end-of-life information in a storage registry.

121. The method of claim 119 further comprising responding to a request from an output user for said information product, said producing occurring in response to said responding.

122. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose an advance directive, said enabling enables said input user to choose an advance directive selected from the group
5 consisting of:
a. a living will;
b. a medical power of attorney;
c. a selection of an end-of-life
condition response;
10 d. a selection of medical
treatment;
e. a refusal of medical
treatment.

123. The method of claim 122 further comprising storing said end-of-life information in a storage registry.

124. The method of claim 122 further comprising responding to a request from an output user for said information product, said producing occurring in response to said responding.

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125. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose enforcement information, said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one primary language.

126. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one primary language, said enabling enables an input user to choose said designation.

127. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one primary language, said enabling enables an output user to choose said designation.

128. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose enforcement information, said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one prospective enforcement
5 jurisdiction.

129. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one prospective enforcement jurisdiction, said enabling enables an input user to choose said
5 designation.

130. The method of claim 117 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose a designation of at least one prospective enforcement jurisdiction, said enabling enables an output user to choose said
5 designation.

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131. The method of claim 117 further comprising receiving said end-of-life information via a device selected from the group consisting of:

- 10 a. a stationary telephone;
- b. a portable telephone;
- c. a cellular telephone;
- d. a mobile telephone;
- e. the Internet;
- f. a personal computer;
- 15 g. a facsimile machine;
- h. a smart card;
- i. a personal data assistant
- j. a handheld computer;
- k. a computer-to-computer link;
- 20 l. a modem;
- m. a wireless transceiver; and
- n. voicemail.

132. The method of claim 117 further comprising transmitting said information product to an output recipient via a device selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a stationary telephone;
- b. a portable telephone;
- c. a cellular telephone;
- 30 d. a mobile telephone;
- e. the Internet;
- f. a personal computer;
- g. a facsimile machine;
- h. a smart card;
- 35 i. a personal data assistant
- j. a handheld computer;
- k. a computer-to-computer link;

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1. a modem;
- m. a wireless transceiver; and
- n. voicemail.

133. The method of claim 132 wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting a document.

134. The method of claim 132 wherein said transmitting comprises electronically transmitting an document.

135. The method of claim 132 wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting an electronic data stream.

136. The method of claim 132 wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting an optical data stream.

137. The method of claim 132 wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting an electromagnetic signal.

5 138. The method of claim 117 further comprising providing guidance information to an said user.

139. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises providing a description of a plan for care associated with an end-of-life condition.

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140. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises suggesting a designation of at least one key person.

141. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises providing end-of-life planning information for at least one key person.

142. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises suggesting at least one key institution.

143. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises providing end-of-life planning information for at least one key institution.

144. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises designating at least one end-of-life condition.

145. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises designating at least one end-of-life condition response.

146. The method of claim 138 wherein said providing comprises designating 56 combinations of at least one end-of-life condition and at least one end-of-life condition response.

147. The method of claim 138 further comprising receiving said end-of-life election information from said user.

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148. The method of claim 117 further
5 comprising storing said end-of-life information in a
storage registry.

149. The method of claim 148 wherein said
storing comprises storing said end-of-life information
in a standard format.

150. The method of claim 148 wherein said
storing comprises storing said end-of-life information
in a non-standard format.

151. The method of claim 148 wherein said
storing comprises storing said end-of-life information
in an electromagnetically readable format.

152. The method of claim 148 wherein said
storing comprises storing said end-of-life information
in an optically readable format.

153. The method of claim 117 further
comprising providing access to reference information.

154. The method of claim 153 wherein said
providing comprises providing access to an electronic
medical record.

155. The method of claim 153 wherein said
providing comprises providing access to a medical
protocol.

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156. The method of claim 153 wherein said providing comprises providing access to information from a physician's practice management program.

157. The method of claim 117 further comprising providing access to a tool for analysis of at least one information set corresponding to said participant.

158. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for measuring an outcome of a treatment.

159. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for predicting an outcome of a treatment.

160. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for comparing between a first treatment and a second treatment.

161. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for comparing between a first organ and a second organ.

162. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for analyzing a drug interaction.

163. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for

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analyzing a relationship between a first illness and a second illness.

164. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for analyzing a relationship between a first injury and a second injury.

165. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for analyzing a relationship between at least one illness and at least one injury.

166. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for analyzing a choice concerning end-of-life information, said choice made by said participant.

167. The method of claim 157 wherein said providing comprises providing access to a tool for analyzing a situation in which an information product is employed.

5 168. The method of claim 117 further comprising responding to a request from an output user for said information product, said producing occurring in response to said responding.

169. The method of claim 168 wherein said responding comprises transmitting said information product to a first output recipient.

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170. The method of claim 169 wherein said output recipient is an output user.

171. The method of claim 168 wherein said responding comprises transmitting at least one additional information product selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;
- b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;
- c. a designation of at least one
10 medication;
- d. a designation of at least one allergy;
- e. a designation of at least one health condition;
- f. a designation of at least one
15 person to be contacted in case of emergency;
- g. a designation of at least one physician;
- h. emergency health information;
- 20 i. an end-of-life choice;
- j. an advance directive;
- k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;
- l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an
25 end-of-life condition;
- m. an authorization to donate an organ;
- n. output recipient information;
- o. enforcement information;
- 30 p. medical information; and

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q. a portion of an item selected from the group consisting of a through p, above, to at least one additional output recipient.

172. The method of claim 171 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose medical information, said enabling enables said user to choose medical information selected from the group consisting of:

- a. at least a portion of a medical record;
- b. at least a portion of a laboratory report; and
- c. at least a portion of a medical image.

173. The method of claim 171 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose an end-of-life choice, said enabling enables said user to make a choice selected from the group consisting of:

- a. a palliative care choice;
- b. a comfort care choice;
- c. a residence choice;
- d. a religious choice;
- e. a spiritual choice;
- f. a funereal arrangement choice;
- g. a non-medical choice.

174. The method of claim 171 wherein, when said enabling enables said user to choose an advance directive, said enabling enables said input user to choose an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

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condition response;

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treatment;

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- a. a living will;
- b. a medical power of attorney;
- c. a selection of an end-of-life
- c. a selection of medical
- d. a refusal of medical

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